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1. SECURITY SITUATION:

THE LEVEL OF COMBAT REMAINED LOW WITH 15 COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REPORTED, INCLUDING 2 GROUND ATTACKS, 10 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) WITH 95 MORTAR ROUNDS, AND 3 HARASSING INCIDENTS. 3 RD BATTALION, 3 RD REGIMENT FIRST DIVISION, RECEIVED 2 ABFS IN THE VICINITY OF KIM QUY WEST OF HUE. THE 61 ST RANGER BATTALION RECEIVED AN ABF AND SKIRMISHED WITH THE ENEMY SOUTH OF NGHIA HANH DISTRICT TOWN, RESULTING IN 4 FRIENDLY WIA AND 5 ENEMY KIA. REGION- WIDE CASUALTIES WERE, FRIENDLY : 1 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY: 22 KIA, 3 RETURNEES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1519 ROUNDS, 398 NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS 1121 SOUTH.

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2. GVN ACTIVITIES: RTV AND RESETTLEMENT

POLOFF QUANG NGAI REPORTS THAT ON MAY 24-25 SOME 5000 REFUGEES RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGES (RTV) IN EASTERN BINH SON DISTRICT, ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS NORTH- NORTHEAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. SINCE ROADS TO THIS AREA HAVE NOT YET BEEN SECURED, THE REFUGEES TRAVELLED BY SAMPAN FROM BINH SON DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS DOWN THE TRA BONG RIVER AND THEN DOWN THE COAST. SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO COME IN BY THE SAME ROUTE. THESE PEOPLE ARE PART OF A TOTAL OF 10,000 RTVING DURING THE PAST MONTH, AS A PART OF THE GVN GOAL OF RESETTLING 60,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN QUANG NGAI BY THE END OF 1973.

3. GVN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT THE THUA THIEN DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION AND CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS, HO VAN CUONG, CLAIMS TO BE SUPERVISING THE DETERMINATION OF CANDIDATE SLATES BY BOTH DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS OF THE DEMOCRACY PARTY (DP) AND BY LEADERS OF OTHER PARTIES IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE OLDER PARTIES WIN A REASONABLE SHARE OF VILLAGE COUNCIL SEATS.

4. COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

ACCORDING TO SECTOR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO POLOFF QUANG NGAI, NLF COMMANDERS ARE STRENGTHENING LOCAL FORCE AND GUERRILLA UNITS AND ORDERING LOCAL COMMANDERS TO ACHIEVE A MORE SATISFACTORY RESISTANCE TO GVN ENCROACHMENTS ON TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE COMMUNISTS DURING LAST YEAR'S OFFENSIVE. THE 30 TH AND 107 TH (9:~) *94:3 ?-55-)89, , REPORTEDLY ISSUED NEW SUPPLIES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION (INCLUDING 12.7 MM ANTI- AIRCRAFT GUNS), ARE TO PREPARE ATTACKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER UNITS TO DISRUPT GVN RETURN TO VILLAGE PLANS IN EASTERN BINH SON AND SON TINH DISTRICTS (CF. PARA. 2 ABOVE). UNDER CONTINUOUS PRESSURE DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS FROM 6 TH ARVN REGIMENT, HOWEVER, THE 107 TH, BY MEANS OF A VC RADIO TRANSMISSION MONITORED BY SECTOR, REQUESTED PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW FOR RETRAINING AND WAS REFUSED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

5. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES:

LIAISON OFFICER DANANG REPORTS THAT SOME 2,100 PERSONS, ALMOST ENTIRELY QUANG TRI REFUGEES, ARE NOW BEING EMPLOYED BY THE AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANANG AREA (ADDA) (REF DANANG 286
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AND 533). ONE NEW PROJECT INVOLVES PLANTING TREE SEEDLINGS FOR TRANSPLANTING THIS SEPTEMBER TO THE HAI VAN PASS AREA NORTHWEST OF DANANG. THIS REFORESTATION IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE AN INCOME RETURN BEGINNING IN ABOUT TEN YEARS. BROWN UNQUOTE
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